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KARACHI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ACOM, SY
SUBJECT: DAMASCUS/WASHINGTON LEASED CIRCUIT

1. SINCE ACTIVATION OF THE DAMASCUS/WASHINGTON LEASED CIRCUIT ON 6 APRIL, 1976, IT HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH TROUBLES. IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS POWER FAILURES LOCALLY, OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE OUTAGES ARE CAUSED BY DISTORTION OR AN OPEN LINE ON THE DAMASCUS RECEIVE SIDE. THE CIRCUIT IS ROUTED EMB DAMASCUS/PTT DAMASCUS/PTT AMMAN/SATELLITE TO NY/DEPARTMENT AND MOST OF THE DISTORTION/OPEN LINE IS TRACEABLE TO PTT AMMAN. HOWEVER, REASONS FOR THESE PROBLEMS CANNOT BE DETERMINED OTHER THAN NOISE ON THE LINE OR INTERFERENCE FROM SOMEWHERE.

2. DISTORTION USUALLY BEGINS VERY SLIGHTLY AND INCREASES TO POINT THAT THE SIGNAL IS COMPLETE GARBLE. THEN, AFTER NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS TO PTT AMMAN, DIRECT AND THROUGH PTT DAMASCUS, THE SIGNAL BEGINS TO CLEAR. LOOPS WITH PTT DAMASCUS ARE ALWAYS GOOD BUT WITH PTT AMMAN USUALLY BAD. WUI NY BEGINS ITS CHECK FROM STATESIDE AND ADVISES THEY ARE LEAVING NEW YORK GOOD. BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO PRESSURE PTT AMMAN TO CHECK ALL ITS EQUIPMENT FOR POSSIBLE FAILURE. EVENTUALLY THE SIGNAL CLEARS. THIS PROCEDURE USUALLY TAKES FROM 6-12 HOURS, CAUSING THE EHXASSY TO UTILIZE ITS ALTROUTE. NO OFFICIAL FAULT IS EVER PLACED ON A SPECIFIC PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OR LOCATION.
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3. SUCH FAILURES TO DATE ARE AS FOLLOWS: APRIL-140 HOURS,
MAY-20 HOURS, JUNE-58 HOURS, JULY-3 HOURS, AUG-15 HOURS,
SEPT-29 HOURS, AND THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER-13 HOURS.
VERBAL REQUESTS FOR PTT DAMASCUS TO QUERY PTT AMMAN ON ITS
FAILURES HAVE BEEN NON-PRODUCTIVE TO DATE. SINCE THE LINE
IS LEASED FROM WUI NEW YORK, IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT
TO REQUEST WUI TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL APPROACH TO PTT AMMAN ON
THIS SUBJECT? ADVISE.
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